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Dear Cy:

This letter is in response to yours of October 15th. I am not sufficiently familiar with the internal workings of General Greer's organization to comment on the details of the organizational structure and its function as outlined in your letter. I do feel, as I have mentioned before, that it is proper to have a single authoritative program director, (this is General Greer), that this director should exercise complete technical direction and that corporations such as Aerospace and others should be assigned responsibilities such as the general systems engineering function.

The assignment of [ ] to and in support of General Greer is for the purpose outlined in my letter of October 6th. [ ] will pull together and be responsible for all of the activities carried on by CIA personnel. This would provide a focal point for contact on all matters and would overcome the problem mentioned to the Executive Committee by Dr. McMillan.

I had arranged for my deputy, General Carter, to meet with Dr. McMillan, General Greer and [ ] in Los Angeles on Wednesday, October 28th to work out directly with those concerned all details pertaining to [ ] activities. However, General Carter's unfortunate illness in Honolulu has caused a postponement of the meeting for a few days. I feel it essential that [ ] unique capabilities, together with the capabilities of the men assigned to him from CIA, should be fully utilized, as doing so will be in the best interests of NRO.

Therefore, I agree completely with the plan expressed in the final paragraph of your letter concerning the meeting between D/NRO, [ ] and General Greer. The only addition is that General Carter will attend. I feel also that the final arrangements agreed between them should be set forth in a Memorandum for the Record prepared at the conclusion of the meeting.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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